

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: \$RNQBK53

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000126.001

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 16 June 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 16 June 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file depicts a girl performing a sexual act on herself. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image presents young girls as sexually active and aware and as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention. It is clearly intended to be sexually arousing to people with a prurient interest in young girls. As a digital file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals, further exploiting the girl. The image may also be used for grooming other children for sexual abuse. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable. It also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation and harm.